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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action of October 5, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

present invention relates to a cortilage and

morphogenetic repairing composition for the treatment of bone fracture and bone defect. In more detail, this invention is concerned with the cartilage and bone morphogenetic repairing composition which contains a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene

and a bone morphogenetic protein

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 with